

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday September 23rd 2001

Silent Keys

We regret to have to report on the death on Friday September the 14th of Stan Williams EI5IY/G3LQI. Stan moved from the UK to Durrus in West Cork in recent years and was a very active CW operator. He organised several special event stations and took part in CW field day, he also recently took part in the Marconi Centenary Coastal Stations event. He was a member of the Worthing and District ARC and was editor of their club newsletter, a job he continued to do even from West Cork. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Jean.

Dennis Kitchen G0FCL passed away on August the 30th last following a short illness. Dennis was well known in satellite circles and he was very active with Amsat-UK until recent months. He was a past member of IRTS and wrote a satellite column in the Newsletter in the early nineties. He went on to bigger things and was the author of the satellite column in RadCom, the RSGB's monthly magazine. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Barbara and his two sons.

A Reminder for UHF operators

A reminder to 70cm operators that entries are still being accepted for the new 70cm activity trophy. If you worked EI/GI simplex FM contacts on 70cms during the Sundays of July 2001, please send a copy of your log to the Competitions Manager John EI6IR at QTHR or by email to ei6ir@eircom.net.

The Slivenamon Perpetual Trophy, presented by the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be awarded to the leading station.

New Phone Technology in Ireland

Eircom has announced it will provide internet access using ADSL brand named 'I stream'. This will use existing phone lines with subcarriers in the range 100 kHz to 1.1 MHz. This will allow faster speed downloading from the internet and allow for existing voice calls to be carried on the same phone lines in the range 0 to 4Khz.

There is wide reports from the USA and from UK trials that radio receivers placed

near the phone lines will have strong interference in the Long Wave and Medium Wave bands. There also may be interference in the HF bands. Similarly this system may be susceptible to interference from HF Transmitters.

The system will be rolled out shortly, at first in some parts of Dublin city. More details are available at www.eircom.ie or by phoning 1800 20 22 77.

Awards

The awards manager EI7CD has announced that WEIC awards number 71, 72 and 73 have been issued to Alan Foley EI3EEB for QSO's on 144 MHz, Allan Fick K4JEZ and Gerry Morgan EI2CH. The WAI frequency 7.068 MHz is a good hunting ground for getting some new counties, so get in there and qualify for this nice award. The basic award is for working or hearing 20 counties. For full details of the award, see page 13 of the current IRTS year book.

Rally News

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Euro Rally will be held at the Coolmine Community School on Sunday the 24th of February 2002. Doors open at 11 AM and admittance fee is 3 euros.

Traders wishing to book table space, please contact Tom EI2AJ at QTHR or Clubrooms (meetings are on Thursday at 8PM).

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society

The Annual General Meeting of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society will take place at 8.00 pm on Tuesday the 25th of September 2001 at the club's QTH in Castletown Road, Dundalk.

ARRL President praises actions of Radio Amateurs

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, has expressed his deep appreciation to amateurs throughout the world who have sent messages of condolence and support. Haynie also praised the actions of Amateur Radio volunteers.

He remarked "Never have I felt more strongly about what a great privilege it is to be a

part of the extraordinary global community of Amateur Radio".

Items for inclusion in Echo Ireland should be forwarded to Dave Moore EI4BZ at 021-4353853 in the evenings or at 021-4823172 during office hours. Items can be submitted to Dave by e-mail at ei4bz@eircom.net and you can fax him at 021-4354113.

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